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1ST SESSION

S. 292

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of certain ambulance services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 1997

Mr. WELLSTONE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ambulance Services
5 Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN AMBULANCE**
7 **SERVICES.**

8 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(7) of the Social Se-
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(7)) is amended by striking
10 “regulations;” and inserting “regulations, except that

1 such regulations shall not fail to treat ambulance services
2 as medical and other health services solely because, in the
3 case of an emergency, the individual is transported to a
4 clinic or to an ambulatory surgical center;”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services provided
7 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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